

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 2-4, 14-18 and 20-25 were withdrawn from consideration on November 18, 2005. Accordingly, these claims have been canceled without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to this subject matter.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Alternatively, Applicants submit that the amendments presented herein place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

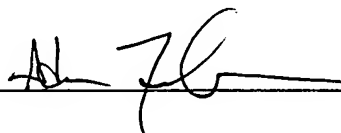
If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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